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In re Application of:
Tony Kroeker

Serial No.: 09/874,550

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For: Single Wafer Load Lock
With Internal Wafer
Transport

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Group Art Unit: 3652

Examiner: Frank E. Werner

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AMENDMENT

Concurrent with mailing of a Request for Continuing Examination, Applicant proposes an amendment to claims 46, 47, 51, 56, 57, 59, to more clearly recite the invention. Claims 65-72 have been added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

46. (Amended) A semiconductor processing system, comprising:

- a mini-environment coupled to a wafer cassette;
- a robot disposed within the mini-environment;
- one or more load lock chambers connected to the mini-environment; and
- one or more process chambers connected to the one or more load lock chambers, wherein each load lock chamber is connected to a single process chamber.



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Please find enclosed the following documents relating to the subject patent application:

- RCE
- Amendment with additional claims
- Return Postcards



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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees
including any extension of time fees and fees for additional claims to
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